

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins, raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, graduated from the University of

Minnesota in 1923, with a degree in sociology. He went on to become one of the

most prominent civil rights activists in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Roy Wilkins held several positions at the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, and served as its Executive Director from 1964 to 1978; and

WHEREAS: The Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice at the

University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs was established in 1992 to carry on the legacy of Roy Wilkins, and to study, research,

and find solutions to problems of racial and ethnic inequality; and

WHEREAS: The Roy Wilkins Center celebrates its 20th Anniversary in 2012 and is hosting

the Fourth World Conference on Remedies to Racial and Ethnic Economic Inequality from October 11 to 13, 2012, in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The World Conference on Remedies to Racial and Ethnic Economic Inequality

seeks to further knowledge and understanding in order to assist local decision

makers in choosing the correct policies to produce effective results.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2012 as:

ROY WILKINS CENTER DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this llth day of October.

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie